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NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is responsible for commissioning a broad range of healthcare for the population of Wiltshire. We are led by experienced local GPs drawn from across the county, who provide clear clinical leadership to the big decisions affecting the future of healthcare provision in Wiltshire, carefully tailored to meet the differing needs of people locally.

Our vision is to ensure the provision of a health service which is high quality, effective, clinically-led and local. We are committed to delivering healthcare that meets the needs of Wiltshire people, to consult and engage with our population to enable them to be involved in decisions made about health services and to deliver those services to people in their own homes or as close to home as possible.

News

Dr Andrew Girdher appointed as Clinical Chair of BSW CCG

Following a process run by the LMC, Dr Andrew Girdher has been voted in as the new Clinical Chair for BSW CCG.

Andrew is a GP Partner at Box Surgery, where he has worked since 2010. Prior to this he was a salaried GP in Bath and a Portfolio GP in London before that.

Currently, Andrew is Chair of the North and East Wiltshire locality as well as the CCG lead for diabetes in Wiltshire, the GP Federation in North Wiltshire and the sustainability and transformation lead for primary care. He is an established trainer and a GP appraiser and the Senior Medical Office at MOD Corsham.

Andrew will start his new role officially on 1 April 2020, when the three existing CCGs formally merge, but he is already working with his new Governing Body colleagues, and the members who voted him in, to shape his role and develop the priorities for him to focus on.

Other new appointments for BSW CCG

Executive Director of Strategy and Transformation

Richard Smale has been appointed as the Director of Strategy and Transformation for BSW CCG, starting in April 2020. He was previously the Director of Transformation at South Central and West Commissioning Support Unit. Richard has worked across the NHS for a number of years, including nine years at the RUH.

Chief Operating Officer for Wiltshire

Elizabeth Disney will join us as the Chief Operating Officer for Wiltshire on Monday 2 March 2020. She previously worked with BaNES CCG and Council on supporting integrating commissioning. Prior to that she worked as an Executive Director for Planning and Funding for the Southern District Health Board in New Zealand.

Interim Chief Operating Officer for Swindon

David Freeman has taken on the role of Interim Chief Operating Officer for the Swindon locality from Monday 20 January 2020. David is currently Chief Operating Officer at Somerset CCG and is joining BSW CCGs on a secondment basis.

Our Health Our Future panel

We have started recruitment for panel members to join the Our Health Our Future panel – a new way of engaging with the public from B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire to get their views of health and care issues.

The Our Health Our Future Panel is an online panel made up of a representative sample of the population from across our region. Panel members will take part in regular surveys throughout the year as well as form focus groups from time to time. The option of hard copy surveys and telephone interviews will be offered to people who are not able to access the survey online. Full reports of every survey will be publicly available and insights gained from the panel will be used to inform our decision making, strategy, service design and service change.

To try and ensure we develop a group that represents our population, panel members will be recruited through face to face interviews around the BSW region in the next couple of months. We are aiming to sign up around 1000 people for the panel.

We are working with independent market research specialists Jungle Green to develop our panel and they will be out and about at events talking to people about the panel.

Recruitment activity started at the Devizes market on Thursday 23 January 2020 and other dates are set as follows:

30 January 2020 Swindon – Pilgrim Centre, Regent Circus 10am – 4pm

31 January 2020 Marlborough – Court room, Marlborough Town Hall 10am – 4pm

6 February 2020 Trowbridge – Magistrates Retiring room, Trowbridge Town Hall 10am – 4pm

7 February 2020 Bath – venue to be confirmed 10am – 4pm

8 February 2020 Salisbury – Salisbury Library, Minster Street 10am – 4pm

Further recruitment activity will take place in the smaller towns and villages over February and March 2020.

If you would like to know more about the Our Health Our Future Panel, please get in touch with the communications team communications.wiltshireccg@nhs.net

Transforming Maternity Services Together – proposal approved

The joint Governing Bodies of Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (BSW CCGs) approved a proposal to improve and modernise maternity services across the region at a meeting in public on 16 January 2020.

The six-part proposal will:

1. Create an Alongside Midwifery Unit at Salisbury Hospital Foundation Trust.
2. Create an Alongside Midwifery Unit at the Royal United Hospital in Bath.
3. Continue to support births in two, not four Freestanding Midwifery Units. This would mean births ceasing in Trowbridge and Paulton with antenatal and postnatal care continuing.
4. Enhance current provision of antenatal and postnatal care.
5. Improve and better promote home birth services.
6. Replace the five community postnatal beds in Paulton and the four community postnatal beds in Chippenham with support closer to, or in women's homes. This will be phased with four beds remaining in Chippenham for up to 12 months to support co-creation of new pathways.

While services will be changing, it is important to note that approval of the proposal will not result in the closure of any buildings or reductions in budget and staffing for maternity services. Maternity services will remain available at all four FMUs antenatal and postnatal care will continue to be provided at these sites.

Trowbridge and Paulton Freestanding Midwifery Units will no longer support births from April 2020 and the postnatal beds at Paulton will no longer be available from April 2020.

If you have any queries, please email us at maternity.transformationBSW@nhs.net

You can find information on the proposals on the [Transforming Maternity Services Together website](#).

BSW CCG online

As we head towards the merger with Bath and North East Somerset CCG and Swindon CCG in April 2020, we are consolidating our online presence.

Our Twitter accounts have already merged – you can follow us @NHSBSWCCG

Our Facebook account is now @NHSBSWCCG

We are on LinkedIn as NHS BSW Clinical Commissioning Group

Our Instagram account is NHS BSW CCG

And by 1 April 2020 we will have a new website in place – more information to follow.

Governing Body meeting

Our next Wiltshire CCG Governing Body meeting will be Thursday 26 March 2020 at 1.30pm at Southgate House, Pans Lane, Devizes.

The next BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) Governing Bodies in common meeting is on Thursday 20 February 2020 at Cumberwell Park, Bradford on Avon from 10am – 12.30pm.

You can read the papers from previous meetings on our website
www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/governance/governing-body-meetings-in-public

News archive

Read more news from Wiltshire CCG in our [news archive](http://www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/news/news-archive) – www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/news/news-archive.



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